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United States Senate
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

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Honorable Cyrus R. Vance
Secretary of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Secretary:

As you know, the State Department has started consulting with the Congress on the proposed sale of 60 F-15 aircraft to Saudia Arabia. A number of our colleagues have written urging you to withhold the submission of the letter of offer.

Without necessarily joining in each of their reasons, we do feel that under the circumstances it would be best if the Foreign Relations Committee, which is preparing a major study of the proposed sale, were not put under the deadlines which the law specifies, and which begin immediately upon submission of the letter of offer.

We hope very much that you and the President will see the desirability of this position and that the submission of the letter of offer will be withheld accordingly.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

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